PCOs in Delhi under Minister's Discretionary Quota

222. SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of PCOs sanctioned in Delhi during the year 1995 from his discretionary quota, if any on the recommendation of different MPs/Ministers etc. recommendation-wise; and

(b) the total number of PCOs sanctioned during the period, excluding those done under his discretionary quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Waiting list for Telephone in Bihar

223. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Waiting List of the applicants of different categories in the various telephone exchanges in Bihar as on 31st January, 1996;

(b) whether all the applicants in Waiting List will be provided with telephone connections by the end of 1996; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Information is being compiled and will be placed on the Table of the House.

सजा पूरी करने के पश्चात् रिहा न किए गए जेलों में बन्द व्यक्ति

224. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 31 दिसम्बर, 1995 की स्थिति के अनुसार देश की विभिन्न जेलों में ऐसे कितने कैदी थे जिन्हें उनकी सजा पूरी होने के बाद भी रिहा नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) अपनी सजा पूरी होने के पश्चात् ये कैदी कितने दिनों से जेल में हैं; और

(ग) इन्हें अब तक रिहा न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामलाल राही): (क) से (ग) संविधान की सातवीं अनुसूची की सूची-II के अंतर्गत "जेल" राज्य का विषय है। कारावास की अवधि पूरी कर लेने के बाद भी रिहा न किए गए कैदियों के बारे में केन्द्र सरकार कोई आंकड़े नहीं रखती है। कारावास की अवधि पूरी कर लेने के बाद भी रिहा न किए गए कैदियों के बारे में, स्थिति की समीक्षा करना और उस पर उपयुक्त कार्रवाई करने का कार्य प्राथमिक रूप से राज्य सरकारों का है।

Financial Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for National Highways

225. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for financial help to improve the dilapidated condition of the National Highways in the State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the financial assistance is likely to be provided for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh requested for release of about Rs. 51.40 crores for the repair and maintenance of National Highways. However, keeping in view the overall constraint of resources, an amount of Rs. 2268.90 lakh has already been released. Release of additional grants is under consideration of the Government.